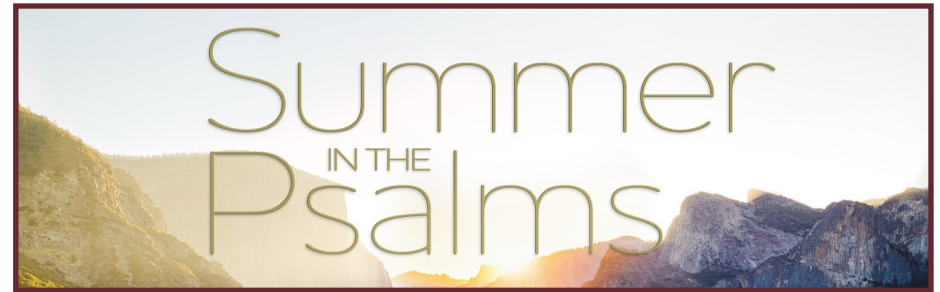


**Reflection Questions:** Am I willing to suffer for my Savior? Is His reproach my reproach? When have I felt like David in *Psalm 69:1-4*? How did I respond? How am I magnifying God today? What am I thanking and praising Him for?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?



Psalm 69

*Sermon*  
*Notes*

August 21, 2022

#### **Quotes to Ponder**

*What a precious psalm it is! It begins with the cry of the One who bore our sins in His body, who suffered for our sake. It ends with the glorious results of His atoning work.*

Arno Gaebelein

*It is a mark of all the true children of God that they long to magnify the God of their salvation.... When we give thanks to Him from our hearts, God is magnified. Gratitude glorifies God.*

John Piper

*If the blessings of God are misused—and they always are misused unless we allow them to lead us to faith in Jesus as our Savior—they will inevitably harden our hearts, propel us into further sins, and eventually lead to even greater judgment.*

*If there was ever an example of One who was willing to bear even the worst of abuses in order to please God the Father, it was Jesus Christ. If there was ever One whose personal experiences in life reflected the words of this psalm, it was the Savior.*

James Montgomery Boice

*Perhaps in no psalm in the whole psalter is the sense of sorrow profounder or more intense than in this. The soul of the singer pours itself out in unrestrained abandonment to the overwhelming and terrible grief which consumes it.*

G. Campbell Morgan

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. What does *Psalm 69* teach us about God?

3. What steps does David take to deal with his predicament in *Psalm 69*?

4. *Reproach* occurs six times in *Psalm 69* (7, 9, 10, 19, 20). What is meant by *reproach* in these verses?

5. Read *Psalm 69:22-28*. Are these imprecations surprising or offensive compared to the New Testament mandate to love and forgive (*Matthew 6:12; Luke 23:34; Acts 7:60*)? Explain.

Why must we be careful not to be wiser than God when thinking about imprecations?

Should we pray imprecatory prayers? Why or why not?

6. How does diminishing the necessity and justice of judgment diminish the work of Jesus on the cross? Should the conversion of others always be our primary prayer concern? Explain.

7. Read *Psalm 69:30*. How are we to magnify God? What does this mean? What does this look like in our lives?

8. What do these verses tell us about magnifying the Lord?

*Psalm 34:1-3* —

*Psalm 69:30* —

9. Read the following verses and see how *Psalm 69* is fulfilled in the New Testament.

*Psalm 69:4; John 15:25* —

*Psalm 69:8; Mark 3:31-35; Luke 14:26* —

*Psalm 69:9a; John 2:17* —

*Psalm 69:9b; Romans 15:3* —

*Psalm 69:21; Matt. 27:34; Mark 15:36; Luke 23:36; John 19:28-29* —

*Psalm 69:22-23; Romans 11:9-10* —

*Romans 69:25; Acts 1:20* —

10. What other parts of *Psalm 69* might Jesus have thought of or prayed as He was on the cross?

11. If *Psalm 69* begins with discouragement and cries for help, how does it end (*Psalm 69:34-36*)?

12. How does *Psalm 69* teach us to suffer rightly?